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Memphis, TN- Terrell L. Harris, United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee announced that on Wednesday, August 28, 2002 a Federal Grand Jury in Memphis, Tennessee returned a nine (9) count Indictment charging **STEVEN JOSEPH YURICK**, with violations of federal criminal laws [Title 18, United States Code Section 2251 (Production of Child Pornography); Title 18 U.S.C. Section 2252 (Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography)] involving the alleged production, possession and distribution of child pornography . According to the Indictment, **YURICK** allegedly was engaged in such conduct during a period from approximately May, 2000 through July 19, 2002. Under federal law, the maximum punishment for production of child pornography, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2251, is confinement for not less than ten (10) years nor more than twenty (20) years in the federal penitentiary and a fine of

Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000.00) Dollars. The investigation was conducted by Special Agent Joseph Rinehart, Special Agent Stephen Lies, and Task Force Officer Brady Valentine, all of whom are members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Crimes Against Children Task Force here in Memphis. Local agencies in McNairy County, Tennessee also assisted in the investigation. The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Dan L. Newsom.

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